by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Nothing objectionable was found in the document. Hence, text books based on the new curriculum have been released. It is upto the States and Boards of School Education to design their syllabi by adopting/adapting from the NCFSE.

Withdrawal of NCERT text books

2450. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States in the country, which have requested Government to withdraw the NCERT text books;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has also requested to withdraw the National Curriculum Framework, imposed by the Centre; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) While the Chief Minister of Karnataka expressed reservation on National Curriculum Framework for School Education on the grounds of lacking transparency, consultation and consensus, its Education Minister informed that most of the recommendations were favourable for implementation. But no specific request from any State to withdraw the NCERT text books has been received by the Government. It is upto the State Government/ Board of School Education to adopt or adapt the new curriculum with or without modifications or prepare its own.

Sarva Siksha Abhiyan

2451. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan proposes to put all children between 6—14 years in the country to school, by 2003;

(b) if so, the details of the programme and the achievements, so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of States and Union Territories have not responded with their perspective plans, thereby putting the programme in jeopardy;

(d) if so, the names of such States and how it is proposed to make them act; and

(e) the annual budgetary allocations made since inception of the programme, the amount released to each State/UT, and utilised by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (e) Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, the national programme for Universalisation of Elementary Education, has been launched with the following goals:-

- All children in the age group 6—14 years to be in school, Education Guarantee Centre, Alternate School, 'Back to School' camp by 2003;
- All children in the age group 6—14 years to complete five years of primary schooling by 2007;
- All children in the age group 6—14 years to complete eight years of schooling by 2010;
- Focus on elementary education of satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life;
- Bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage by 2007 and at elementary education level by 2010;
- Universal retention by 2010.

So far District Elementary Education Plans for 428 districts in 21 States have been approved by the Project Approval Board and another 114 districts of 5 States are under appraisal. District Elementary Education Plans have not been received from the States/UTs of Goa, Manipur, Meghalaya, Delhi, Pondicherry, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu and Andaman & Nicobar.

The budgetary allocations made for this programme during the last three years is as follows:-

	(Rs. in crore)
2000-01	350.00
2001-02	500.00
2002-03	1680.00

A Statement showing State-wise releases made for 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 is attached (*See* below). States are in various stages of utilisation of these funds.

Statement

State-wise releases made for 2000 to 2003 under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of State/UT	2000-01 for pre-project activities only (PPA)	2001-02	2002-03
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	63.3	2284.67	1725
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	34.32	281.14	1412
3.	Assam	74	3473.17	****121.86 (PPA only)
4.	Bihar	230.59	2964.92	****86.77
5.	Chhattisgarh	*	409.2	2612.67
6.	Goa	*	**	**
7.	Gujarat	5050	2086.11	6173.08
8.	Himachal Pradesh	69.5	752.44	1717.62
9.	Haryana	*	365.02	2735.87
10.	Jharkhand	38.43	672.63	***
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	48.08	154.74	1938.62
12.	Karnataka	241.51	2804.05	6182.59
13.	Kerala	112.99	1081.23	2250.78
14.	Madhya Pradesh	181.5	2890.96	6195.76
15.	Maharashtra	*	4818.41	****
16.	Manipur	27.16	109.93	**
17.	Meghalaya	68.04	857.59	**
18.	Mizoram	114.81	432.56	****
19.	Nagaland	34.37	76.55	486.63
20.	Orissa	246.07	3176.57	***
21.	Punjab	91	5709.33	***4868
22.	Rajasthan	*	320.35	***3588.4
23.	Sikkim	14	100.05	****
24.	Tamil Nadu	318	2960.93	6908.43

1	2	3	4	5
25.	Tripura	165	491.56	930.93
26.	Uttaranchal	*	1219.76	****1022.25
27.	Uttar Pradesh	342.5	7663.33	****5000
28.	West Bengal	132	1618.79	10867.61
29.	A & N Islands	*	12.68	**
30.	Chandigarh	*	**	**
31.	D & N Haveli	8	**	**
32.	Daman & Diu	*	**	**12 (PPA only)
33.	Delhi	*	**	**42.5 (PPA only)
34.	Lakshadweep	*	**	19.98
35.	Pondicherry	*	48.37	**
	TOTAL:	7705.17	49837.04	52157.57

* Proposals for pre-project activities and DEEPs have not been received.
** Proposal for DEEPs have not been received.
*** Proposals for DEEPs have been received and are being appraised.
**** DEEPs approved. Release of grants are being processed

Central Advisory Board of Education

2452. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 74, given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd November, 2002 and state:

(a) the reasons for not reconstituting the Central Advisory Board of Education; and

(b) by when the Board would be re-constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) The proposal for re-constitution of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), including its composition was considered by the then and successive Governments after the expiry of the extended tenure of the last CABE on 31.3.1994, but no final decision could be taken. The matter relating to constitution of the CABE, *inter alia*, came up for discussion in